

END OF THE CENTURY

The Argument of General Ph. Schuyler.

Made a Hundred Years Ago—in a Letter to His Daughter in 1799 He Discusses the Question that is Now in Controversy.

(New York Herald.)
Editor of the Herald:
The date of the beginning of the twentieth century having aroused much discussion, the following elucidation of the problem, written in 1799 by my great-grandfather, General Philip Schuyler, to his eldest daughter, may be of interest.
KATHARINE SCHUYLER BAXTER, Oswego, N. Y., Jan. 24, 1899.
Albany, Feb. 11, 1799.
My Beloved Angelica:
Since my letter to you on the controversy relative to the termination of the present century it has occurred to me that an investigation of the subject from mere abstract deductions would not be comprehended with so much facility as when elucidated by a diagram, in which the sense of sight might be brought to aid the mental reasoning. I have projected the enclosed, which, with such observations thereon and such conclusions as I shall adduce therefrom, I have the presumption to believe will determine the question and bring the contending parties to coincide in opinion.
Whether Christ was born at the beginning of the first moment of the first day of a month now by us called January, or at the beginning of the first moment of the first day or any other day of any month, is perfectly immaterial in the solution of the question under consideration. It is agreed on all hands that the Christian era commenced with the birth of Him.
I shall therefore premise the following postulate:
First—That the birth of Christ was in the beginning of the first moment of the first day of the month of January.
Second—That the Christian era is made up of a continued series of time called years.
This

would surely mislead the traveller in determining how far he was from New York, for seeing 2 marked on the stone he would conclude that he had still two miles to traverse to be at the New York City Hall.
And thus persons have been in error on the subject in question. They have placed 1 at the birth of Christ, instead of placing it at the end of a year from his birth, and thus rejected one entire year out of the series of years composing the Christian era.
Adieu, my beloved child.
Yours, most tenderly,
PH. SCHUYLER.
To Mrs. Church, New York.

DOCTORS MAKE REPORTS.

Until within quite a recent period, physicians as a class were very reluctant, if not absolutely unwilling, to admit that a mineral water could cure certain grave diseases, such as Bright's disease, gout, rheumatism, uric acid poisoning, inflammation of the bladder, dyspepsia, nervous disorders, malaria, diseases of women and many others, but now their position as a class has changed. Their present attitude has been brought about almost altogether by Buffalo Lithia Water, and the persistence of its proprietor in giving leading physicians the fullest opportunity to test for themselves, and by the most scientific methods known, the operation and effects of its use.
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A GOOD ANECDOTE OF DEWEY.

(By One of the Returned Sailors.)

One of the brave jackies who "was with Dewey" at the battle of Manila Bay, tells this new anecdote of the great Admiral. The teller is Harry Deghman, a sailor of the cruiser Boston, and his story is this:
"The most affecting incident which occurred, and which all of the sailors will remember through their lives, was the action of a powder boy. These boys act as aids to captains and lieutenants in carrying messages and doing errands. When the order was given to strip for action, one of the boys tore off his coat hurriedly, and it fell from his hands and went over the rail, down into the bay. A few moments before he had been gazing on his mother's photograph, and just before he took off his coat he had kissed the picture, and put it in his inside pocket. When the coat fell overboard he turned to the captain and asked permission to jump over and get it. Naturally the request was refused. The boy then went to the other side of the ship and climbed down the ladder. He swam around to the place where the coat had dropped, and succeeded in getting it. I believe it was still floating when he got there. When he came back he was ordered in chains for disobedience. After the battle he was tried by a court-martial for disobedience and found guilty. Commodore Dewey became interested in the case, for he could not understand why the boy had risked his life and disobeyed orders for a coat. The lad had never told what his motives were. But when the Commodore talked to him in a kind way, and asked him why he had done such strange things for an old coat, he broke into tears, and told the Commodore that his mother's picture was in the coat. Commodore Dewey's eyes filled with tears as he listened to the story. Then he picked the boy up in his arms and embraced him. He ordered the little fellow to be instantly released, and pardoned. 'Boys who love their mothers enough to risk their lives for her pictures cannot be kept in irons on this fleet,' he said.
"Just before the action the boys all exchanged keepsakes and entrusted numerous packages to each other to send to their homes in case they were killed in action. One of the misfortunes on the Boston was the great scarcity of tobacco the morning of the battle. Almost all the sailors were out of the feed. But one man had over a pound, and he divided it in equal lots among his companions, keeping only the regular share for himself."

BE TRUE.

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That every glance should be transparent as the morning dew
That sparkles on the leaf?
What is it to be true?
That in each spoken word
The highest and the lowest, too,
Thy soul should still be heard?
What is it to be true?
That every act of thine
Reflect thy spirit through and through.
As clouds at sunset shine?
Oh, be thou pure in heart!
This is the only clue
To guide thee, whoso'er thou art;
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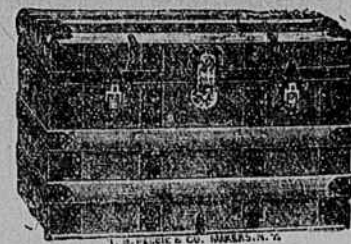
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ENTERTAINMENT.

An extensive programme has been arranged for this season, commencing on July 4th. We will have some of the most famous speakers on the lecture platform, and for this year our Board of Directors have decided that the lecture and Chautauqua course shall be absolutely free of charge. We invite all religious bodies to hold all their meetings on our grounds, and offer them the use of same and our Auditorium free of charge.

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